

Appl. No. 10/667,699
Amdt. dated November 2, 2005
Reply to office action of August 29, 2005

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 29, 2005. The Office Action rejected Applicants' Claims 1-6 and 11-19 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,847,887 B1 ("Casino"). The Office Action rejected Applicants' Claim 10 as obvious in view of combination of Casino and U.S. Pat. No. 6,366,851 B1 ("Chojnacki").

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the present application in view of the following remarks. Applicants submit all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e)

Applicants' Claims 1-6 and 11-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Casino. Please find enclosed herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 showing that the Applicants, Narayanan Alwar and Mike Milici, were co-inventors of the invention claimed in the present application prior to the Casino patent. Accordingly, the Casino patent is not available as prior art against the claims of the present application. Thus, Applicants request that the rejection of Claims 1-6 and 11-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Casino be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicants' Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 § (a) as obvious in view of Casino and Chojnacki. However, since the Casino patent is not available as prior art against the claims of the present application, Applicants request that the rejection of Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in view of Casino and Chojnacki be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

With the present response, all the issues in the Office Action mailed August 29, 2005 have been addressed. Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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